

Dear Rhona,

Re: Ofcom's Second Public Service Broadcasting Review – Phase One: The Digital Opportunity consultation

Just responding to your consultation to say that Ofcom should consider accepting community television as public service broadcasters.

We've been involved with the Kick Out the Jams series on NvTv, Belfast local television and there should be lots more opportunities like this to showcase local bands. This show has profiled over 100 local bands in Northern Ireland and everyone gives their time for free so you can see how popular it is. As well as the local TV station, they are developing some new services like they are the only ones in Northern Ireland streaming 24/7 on the web and providing a video podcast service.

We think it's really important that local bands get to have a television outlet – for all local bands and not just those who have been signed or those who are famous and local television can help to do that.

So, when it comes to NvTv in Belfast, we'd like you to consider supporting them to be carried on Freeview as a local public service broadcaster. That way everyone in the city gets to have access, plus we'd like to see other local public service television stations in the UK so we can exchange programming and really make music on the airwaves!

Nothing in this letter is confidential.

Yours sincerely

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